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SUBJECT: VIOLENCE CONTINUES

1. OFF-DUTY MEMBER ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY (RUC) SHOT AND KILLED AT AMBUSH IN LONDONDERRY JANUARY 27. EIGHT-YEAR OLD BOY HAD HAND BLOWN OFF BY BOOBY TRAP BOMB STRABANE PROBABLY PLANTED TO HIT SECURITY FORCES EVENING JANUARY 26.

2. DRY CLEANING SHOP AT CORNER OF STREET ON WHICH CONGEN LOCATED WAS BOMBED BY PROVISIONAL IRA SHORTLY AFTERNOON JANUARY 26. EMPLOYEES WERE INSTRUCTED NOT TO GIVE WARNING AND EXPLOSION INJURED EIGHT PEOPLE INCLUDING SOLDIERS, SEARCH WARDENS AND CIVILIANS AT SECURITY BARRIER OUTSIDE.

3. SOLDIER KILLED BY SNIPER IN MARKETS AREA BELFAST JANUARY 23 WAS FOURTH TO DIE IN PROVINCE THIS YEAR AND HE MAY HAVE BEEN VICTIM OF OFFICIAL IRA. THERE SEVERAL RECENT COMPLAINTS OF ARMY BRUTALITY BY RESIDENTS OF AREA, AN OFFICIAL IRA STRONGHOLD AND KILLING HAS BEEN CLAIMED BY ORGANIZATION CALLING ITSELF MILITANT ACTION FORCE.

4. PEACE PEOPLE CONTINUE BE TARGETS HOSTILE CRITICISM.

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ERNEST BAIRD HAS JOINED THOSE WHO CALL FOR BAN ON TALKS AT SCHOOLS. LETTER TO EDITOR OF IRISH NEWS JANUARY 27 SLAMS "CONTRADICTIONS" MADE BY BETTY WILLIAMS RECENTLY. ONE OBJECTION WAS TO WILLIAMS STATEMENT THAT "SOCIAL SERVICES" WERE PARTICIPATING WITH PEACE PEOPLE IN ASSISTING PARAMILITARY DEFECTORS TO ESCAPE. ANOTHER WAS TO STATEMENT, UNKNOWN TO CONGEN, THAT ROMAN CATHOLICS SHOULD JOIN RUC AS MOVE TO GET ARMY OUT OF NORTHERN IRELAND

EVENTUALLY. CONGEN NOTES THERE SOME APPREHENSION LOCALLY THAT RE-EQUIPPING OF RUC WITH (AMERICAN) M1 CARBINES AND WITH ARMORED VEHICLES MEANS POLICE ROLE BEING CHANGED TO INCREASE ITS ANTI-TERRORIST OPERATIONS.

5. PADDY DEVLIN AND MP GERRY FITT OF SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC AND LABOUR PARTY AND BISHOP WILLIAM PHILBIN HAVE CALLED FOR INQUIRY INTO BEHAVIOUR OF MEMBERS SECOND PARACHUTE BATTALION IN WEST BELFAST. LATEST INCIDENT IS ALLEGATION THAT SOLDIERS REFUSED ALLOW MEDICAL OR RELIGIOUS ATTENTION FOR VICTIM FATAL HEART ATTACK IN HOUSE UNDERGOING SEARCH.SPICER

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